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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Patent No. 6,514,094

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Title: **SET OF CONTACT BLADES IN A MULTIPLE CONNECTOR STRIP FOR CABLE CONNECTORS, AND MULTIPLE CONNECTOR STRIP**

LETTER TO PETITIONS EXAMINER REGARDING DEFICIENT FEES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

After review of the file, Applicant has discovered that Small Entity Status was erroneously asserted at the time of paying the 4th and 8th year maintenance fees for the above-identified patent.

The applicant has appointed the below signing petitioner to act on their behalf. A Power of Attorney and a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), executed by authorized official for the applicant is attached.

Pursuant to the guidelines of 37 CFR § 1.28(c), the Applicant hereby informs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that the above-identified patent was not qualified for Small Entity Status as of the year 2004, when the applicant REICHLE & DE-MASSARI AG status changed from small to large according to the USPTO definition of small entity status. Consequently, the 4th year maintenance fee paid on June 23, 2006, and the 8th

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year maintenance fee paid on July 30, 2012, were paid in error in regards to the entity status. The error occurred in good faith and with no deceptive intent by the Applicant. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of the deficiency of the payments made to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a Small Entity on and after the year 2004, when the applicant changed to a large entity.

The type and list of fees erroneously paid for the referenced patent is itemized on the attached "*Itemized List Of The Deficiency Payment*".

The total deficiency payment now owed is \$2,290.00, according to the current fee schedule. A check for the amount of \$2,290.00 is attached.

It is requested that this error in claiming small entity status be excused.

This payment of deficiency operates as notification of loss of status and is to be treated at as a **notification of a loss of entitlement to small entity status under § 1.27(g) (2)**.

Should the Patent Office have any questions, the undersigned can be contacted at the below-listed address and telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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